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Description:

"Rosemary, I will discard my engagement with you."

So I was told in the courtyard. But I am not Rosemary. I am not in any position to end the engagement, please listen to me carefully. It seems that the story had gone astray somehow.

One act of a persuasion by a young woman towards the hero who have made a mistake in recognizing his engagement partner

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Short Story

"Rosemary! I am discarding my engagement with you! Think of this as my last mercy to you for breaking it in this desolate place."

At the school's courtyard, while I was sitting on a bench, reading a book, and alone; those words were suddenly uttered towards me by the rumored most popular boy in school, the third son of the Marquis, Alfred-sama.

Thud.

"E, Etto?"

Towards my confused face, I could see the frozen look on Alfred-sama face.

Ahh, maybe it is like this. Although I shared the same hairstyle and color as Rosemary-sama, our face is not similar to each other at all. While the other counterpart is beautiful, I, on the other hand only had an appearance who is just a little bit better than the average. No matter how you look at it, the

other person appearances is much higher than me.

"Sorry, who are you? You are not Rosemary?"

"You will be able to realize it just from looking, right? I enrolled in the same grade as Rosemary-sama. I am Maria..."

Despite conforming it, Alfred-sama still look somewhat confused. No, no, look carefully, you will surely able to differentiate it.

I wonder about this person who push through without confirming first. And to declared it without verifying it. This is the third' son of a Marquis right?

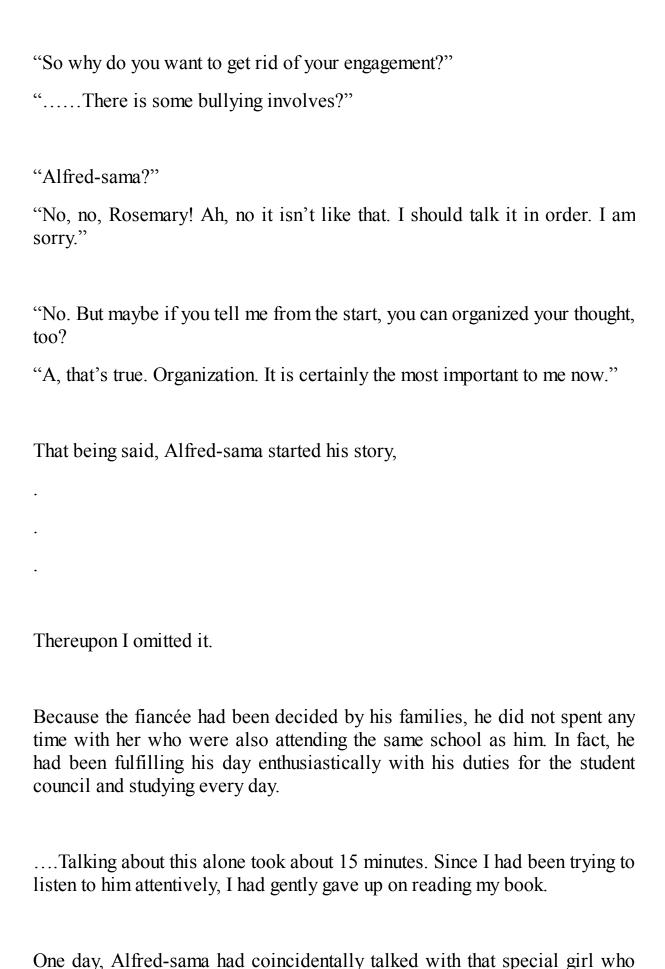
 $E \sim isn't that bad?$

"I'm sorry. I will hit other...."

"No. Wait, please wait a moment. Since I have already somewhat been involved in this, I will listen to your story. Is that okay?'

No. truthfully I did not want to be involved. However this matter is different. I had always thought that this blond-haired, blue-eyed boy as someone who is gentle; who knows that he is actually the impulsive type. My earl's house is under that man Marquis's house. If a scandal were to happen, I will not be able to face my parent for not doing anything to stop the situation that was actually occurring in front of me.

While I was chanting 'For the sake of my own life" in my head, Alfred-sama flopped down next to me with a furrowed eyebrow.



had somehow lost her way around. It is this Erina-san who will become the victim of bullying later on. As a commoner and a special student, she was someone who I recognized only by names. As Alfred-sama told Erina-san about the direction, he beginning to feel some kind of interest towards this girl who always seems cheerful and doesn't show any fear towards him.

....The descriptive scene regarding Erina-san—pretty, like a lost cat, this alone took a ridiculous 30 minutes so far. I completely gave up my afternoon for this

It seems that he gradually getting attracted to Erina-san as they walked down the road. Before long, he felt discontented to end this unexpected encounter; which make both of them decided to continue this tryst some other time.

.....Up until here, another 30 minutes had passed. There are plenty of tsukkomi for me to butt in, but it can't be help. By this time, my beautiful image of Alfred-sama began to shatter. Into small pieces.

It seems that there are many boys who cared for her by trying to attach themselves into her. But, one day, an accident happened that overthrown everything. It seems that someone is out bullying Erina-san. Erina-san repeatedly said that there were no such thing no matter how many time Alfred-sama asked; and such worrying day continued to happen.

...Add another 45 minutes. It seems that many boys like her, though I did not know who else. I wonder if it is going far beyond this, if so, my spirit might take an abrupt dive. No, I have to get my spirit back on.

However one day, Alfred-sama witnessed the appearance of Erina-san who was crying while holding her damp textbook to her chest. Since then, Alfred-sama started to collect the information around to identify the principal offender of the bullying incident which Erina-san had been trying

to hide for a while now. Then, one of the boys who is also in love with Erina-san told something; that he saw the scene where Rosemary-sama had been saying disagreeable things to Erina-san

.....30 minutes. Is there really a need to use 15 minutes to tell me how bitter Alfred-sama's feeling was? Even so he told me a lot of unnecessary things along the way.

Alfred-sama tried to confirm this information with Erina-san. He cajoling her to rely on him was what I believe he meant to say. Ma~ as a result it was decided that Rosemary-sama is the villain while Erina-san is the victim. It seems that they had been throwing insect, spilling the tea and all this small, small things which accumulated had lead to stress. Alfred-sama was outraged hearing all this sort of stuff. That's why he had been hurrying searching for Rosemary-sama. And finally it reached the current moment.

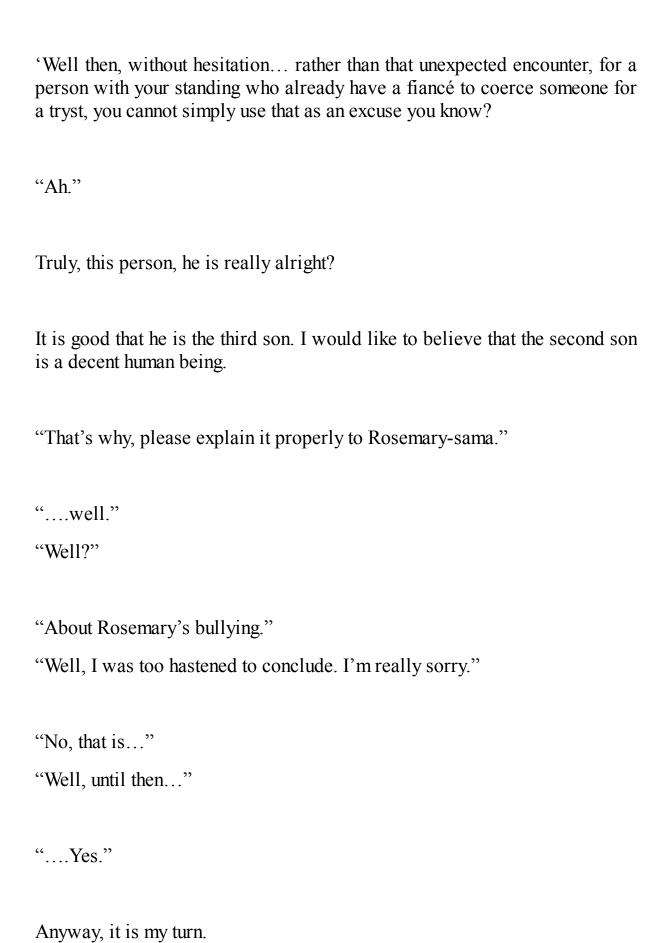
....Oi, oi, isn't this over the top? 30 minutes while thinking. 3 hours at this points. If we put it together, it is a 3 hours story that can ended in 5 minutes. Goodbye, my 3 hours. This person, isn't he is totally suited to be a poet? It seems that verbose story has been the latest craze nowadays.

"Now that I think about it, I had been too rash."

"Yes, you do. Then, would you like for me to organize this story one by one for you?"

"A~.up until now, I had been telling you the story about Erina and you had been politely listening to me until the end. Is there anything that you would like to say?"

Is it usual for the story to be this long-winded? This person, will he be alright?



Until the end, I feel like putting some tsukkomi on his excuses.

"I heard that many boys love her."

"A~ Vice-chairman, Talis; Theo from accounting; the secretary, Krantz; and on top of them, the public moral committee..."

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"You can stop at that."
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"..... ah, ah."

"Then, who is the one that Erina-san has taken her fancy on?"

"That girl considered all of them as her friend."

"Opps! Sorry for interrupting, however, since Alfred-sama is adamantly asking for an annulment of the engagement for sure she is yearning for you."

"...No, that, you are being spiteful here."

"What is?"

"....Erina is seeing everyone as her friend."

"Then what are you going to do after dissolving the engagement?"

"I want to confess to Erina."

"What is the probability for you to success?"

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"All right. It is not good to act in a rush. Maybe I should really go now."

I am aware that my attitude towards Alfred-sama is getting worse by minutes, but I do not mind.

"In that content of bullying, it seems that it involved insect?"

"A, A, it seems that Rosemary threw that to her."

"The person itself?"

"Ah, Erina said so."

"But Rosemary-sama cannot handle insect well, you know?"

"Eh, what with your expression?"

It is rude. No, really.

Rosemary-sama's pride might be high, but it is not that high that she will willingly hold the insect. I had seen it previously when a small caterpillar crossed her road, she had raised a lovely scream [Pyaa~] when she spotted it; she had also been clinging to her followers with teary eyes at the same time.

As matter of fact, Rosemary-sama had stopped coming to the courtyard after that one incident.

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"Well, that was...."
"Therefore, I will be telling you the most important point. Is that okay with
you?"
Prepared yourself.
"A-, Hai."
"So what are your evidence that point out that Erina-san had been bullied by
Rosemary-sama?'
"Well, ah, hmm, testimonials."
"For example, if I were to bully Erina-sama, it is easy for other to mistake
her for me, except for our face. With that case, it will be a completely false
accusation."
"Ah, no, but you did not have grudge..."
"Do you think that the fiancé who are having tryst with that woman is the
only one with grudge?"
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In the end, he is unable to refute it.
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Ga. I already spent more than three hours on this. Might as well do it thoroughly.

"There is no evidence, the engagement is destroyed. Rosemary-sama's house is on the same rank as yours. What will this annulment lead to?"

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"Do you comprehend it?"

"...Yeah, I do."

Annulment of an engagement with the same rank partner.

The cause is cheating.

For it to be this bad, would not it be better for them to break off the relationship?

"Yeah, I suppose..... It was me who is bad."

When I finished explaining it to him, Alfred-sama smile as if he managed to have a breakthrough on his doubt.

"Oya? Why are you being so meek?"

"Don't bully me too much.... A, no, I already understand what I should do after this."

"Is that so?"

"A-. First of all I will not do things blindly, I will talk with Rosemary properly. I have not taken any interest on her until now. I think that is one of the major reason that nearly escalates the situation to this. The second one is, ma~ it is my own thoughtlessness."

"If you could understand it so far, then I guess I did not need to say another words to you."

"Wa...Ha... Is that so? No, that is right."

Alfred-sama raised himself off the bench and stand in front of me.

And then deeply, he bowed his head to me.

"Thank you Miss Maria. I have woke up thanks to you."

"No. I am happy to be at your service. I has been rude to you halfway, therefore I am asking for your forgiveness."

"No, you did not need to ask for forgiveness, rather I was saved by it."

Alfred-sama raised his head and smiled before he turned back and walk

away. Right now he want to have a conversation with Rosemary-sama.

However, as his back look strangely strained I decided to tell him one last word

"Since you are saying that you did not need any apology, would you like to have another one?"

"? A- Ah"

Alfred-sama turn around as he realized that I had use the earlier allusion as a tsukkomi.

It was the prologues of his 3 hours story.

"Until today, this memory has never fade away is what I believe. Alfredsama who was standing on the platform; the fireworks that had been released during the heart-warming festival for the newcomers. At that time, the smiling Alfred-sama who welcomed us looked so dazzling. If you allowed me to be rude, I would like to say one last thing."

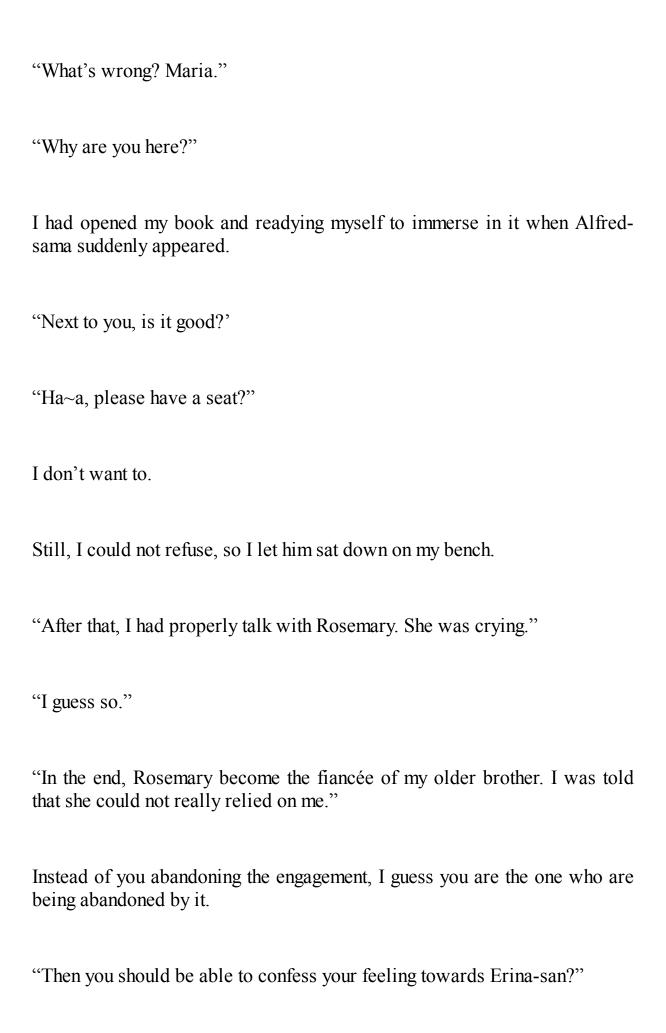
I got up from the bench and smile with encouragement.

"At that time, Alfred-sama was so wonderful. Therefore don't say anything like you are going to fade away."

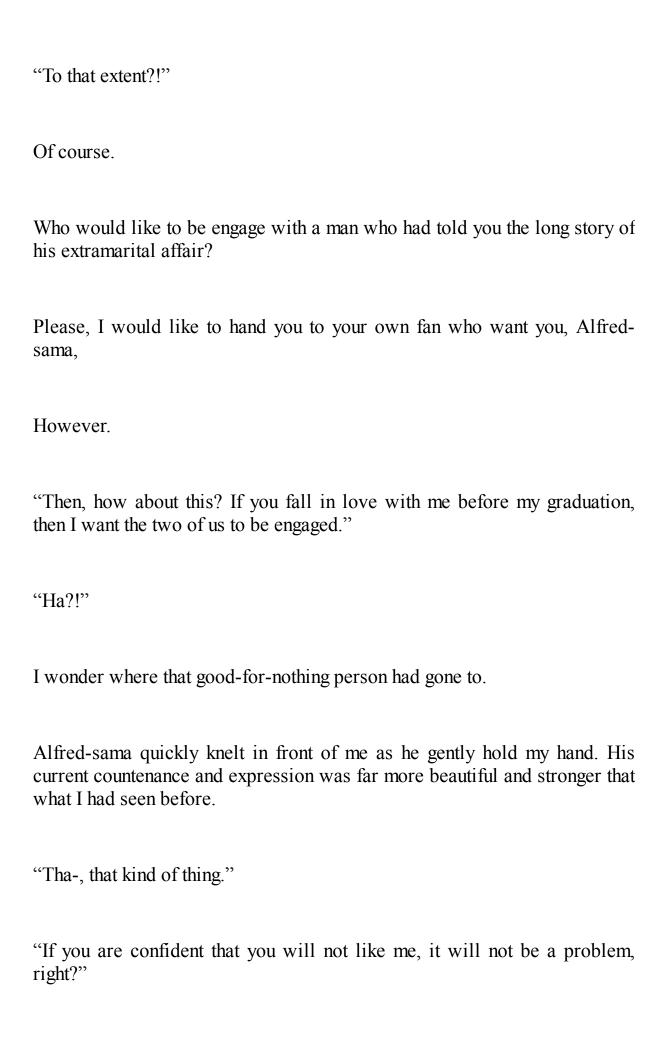
".... A-that's right. Thank you—Maria."

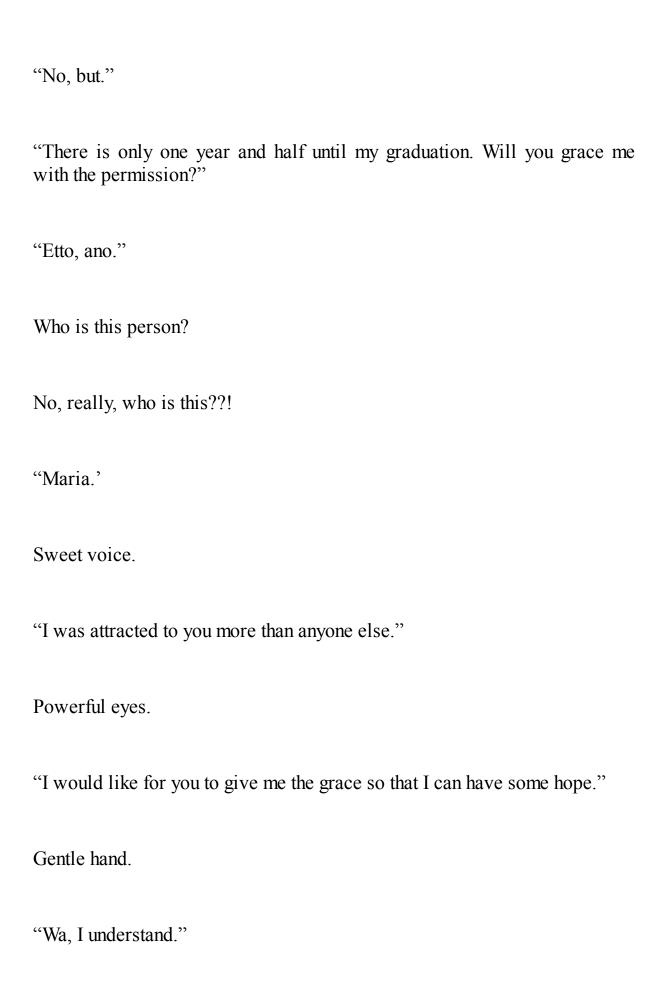
After he showed a tremendous smile, he started to turn back and walked away.
I kept standing on the spot until his back is no longer visible.
Even so.
In the end why did you addressed me without any honorific, Alfred-sama?

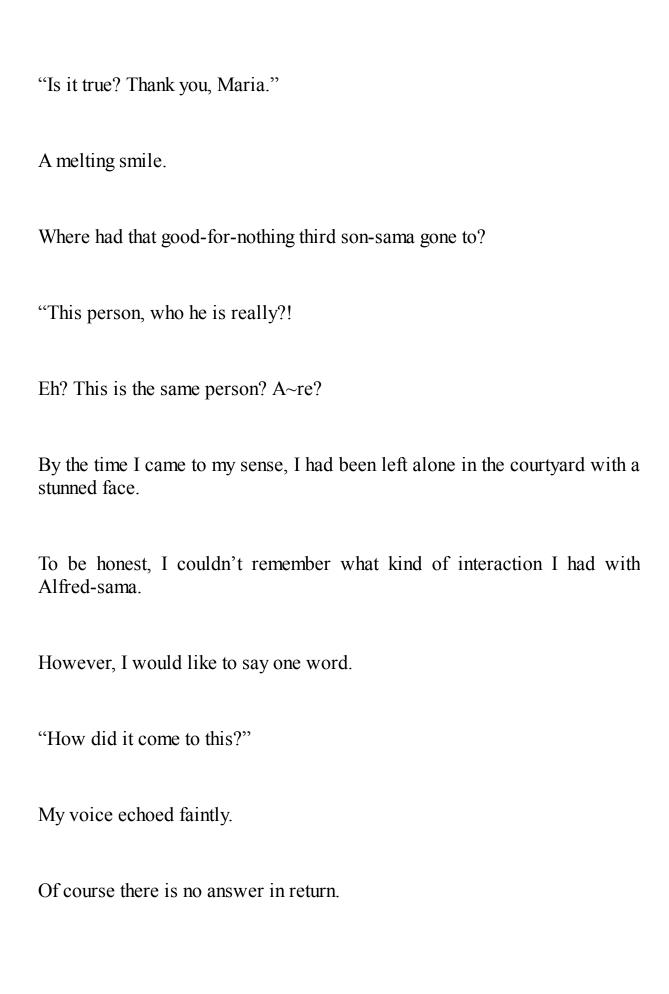
And then.
My day continued as usual and about 10 days had passed since then.
I did not know any detail, however, since I did not pick up any rumors regarding to the 3rd son of a certain Marquis being isolated, so I guess everything ended well without any major conflict.
Right now, I can happily enjoyed my reading time after having my lunchbreak with my friend.
And that is what I had thought.
"Ano?"



"No, if you carefully think about it, you will not be able to do well if you are marrying someone who always regard man as her friend."
"Isn't it sufficient if she hold to her female modesty?"
"A~ this is such a miserable conversation."
At the end, the offender was unable to be comprehended. Everything seems to end in vain. Although Alfred-sama appearances seems to be alright, but some of its brilliance seem had fallen off.
"Right now, I am without a fiancée. But, I am still the 3rd son of a Marquis. Though my option is limited, so my father had tried sending request to one of the lady from other house."
A~re?
Weird.
The cloud looks weird.
"That's why, Maria. Please, with me"
"I rather chew my tongue and die."







And then the-not-so far off future.

I had fall in love with that strangely cool Alfred-sama just about the time when he is supposed to graduate from the school.

During the marriage ceremony; in the ceremonial hall, I unintentionally thinking about the things that happened back then.

Back to the moment when he had made his promise in that courtyard.

I wonder if somewhere in my heart I already had some kind of premonition that this is going to happen in the future—

Translator ramble:

But TrySail really make the song sound nice.... I love them since they brought the Opening song for Haifuri "High Free Spirit!"

Anyway I am such a M. I play that song on the loop... Uwaaa Senpai!!!! \ (´Д`;)/

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